

Carter Hinceman and Leah Johnson wait patiently to enter the obstacle course at the Back to School Bash on October 6.



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From the Minister of Children & Youth...

My third grade Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Pam, was the best. She would gather us around that old wooden table, sitting in chairs that were guaranteed to ruin your tights. She would tell us the Bible story for that morning. It was impossible to be distracted when Mrs. Pam was telling a story. She had a way of making you feel as if you were watching the story unfold before your very eyes. After she told the story we would always take out our Bibles and find that story in the Bible and take turns reading it aloud. It was amazing how well we were able to read the story when we knew what was supposed to happen. We would practice the Lord's Prayer, because everyone learned the Lord's Prayer in Mrs. Pam's class. We would share the things we wanted to pray about and she would pray with us. Mrs. Pam was the person who led me to the Lord in that Sunday School class and the first person to hug me after I walked down the aisle to join the church. She has continued to be a source of love and support over the years. Some of you even got to meet this wonderful lady when she read scripture at my ordination. As I planned for that day I couldn't picture it without her being a part. Thirty years later, I still go to get my hug from Mrs. Pam every time I see her.

I hope that as you have read this it has caused you to think of a name. I hope it brought to mind a person who filled that role in your life. Did you have that person who taught you about Jesus? Did you have someone who encouraged your faith walk? Did someone show you what it meant to experience the love of Christ? I hope so! I firmly believe everyone needs to have Mrs. Pam in their life.

I have been so fortunate to grow up with Mrs. Pam in my corner cheering me on, but with that comes a great deal of responsibility. After experiencing that kind of love and nurturing, I know the impact it can make. It compels me to try to create this experience for the children and youth of our church. If you were able to think of someone who was or is your Mrs. Pam, I have one more question for you – Would someone have named you as their person? Have you nurtured someone in their faith like you were nurtured in yours? Good news! It is never too late.

There are many opportunities to nurture and encourage the children, teens, and even young families here at FBC and in our community. Our Wednesday evening programs that begin on October 13 are a great time to start building those relationships.

Wednesday Evening Activities

2:00 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesday
After-School Program

5:15 p.m.

Family Night Meal
catered by
JD's Market & Deli

Cost

\$7.00/adult

\$6.00/child

\$26.00/family

6:00 p.m.

Bible Study &
Prayer Meeting

Schedule

Sunday, October 10

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson
Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, October 11

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, October 13

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 14

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, October 17

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson
Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, October 18

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, October 20

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 21

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
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Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 24, 2021 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

All children are invited to our Trunk or Treat for some fall fun! If you would like to decorate your car, please sign up at the Welcome Center. We also need lots of candy and prizes! If you are unable to decorate your car, please pick up an extra bag of candy or other prizes at the store!



Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of September 26 & October 3, 2021

| | 9/26 | 10/3 |
|------------------------|------|------|
| Live Stream Views..... | 24 | 19 |
| In-Person..... | 132 | 124 |
| Sunday School..... | 102 | 92 |

Financial Statistics

| | October | Year-to-Date |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Giving Goal | 69,545.00 | 69,545.00 |
| Budget Receipts | 16,136.00 | 16,136.00 |
| Goals Net Yet Met | (53,409.00) | (53,409.00) |
| Alms | 653.00 | 653.00 |
| Designated | 4,827.00 | 4,827.00 |
| | September | Year-to-Date |
| Giving Goal | 69,097.00 | 863,718.00 |
| Budget Receipts | 46,000.00 | 815,634.00 |
| Goals Net Yet Met | (23,097.00) | (48,084.00) |
| Alms | 668.00 | 8,396.00 |
| Designated | 1,404.00 | 106,391.00 |

Newly Elected Deacons

During a called conference, the congregation elected three members to the Deacon Ministry Team. Ben Faulkenberry, Steve Koontz, and Jeff Templeton will begin to serve January 2022.



Ben Faulkenberry

Date joined: April 21, 2019

Ben is an Assistant District Attorney in Catawba County. He and his wife, Allison, have two children and are members of the Adventurers Sunday School Class. Ben and Allison help with the live stream on Sunday mornings.



Steve Koontz

Date joined: October 22, 1995

Born and raised in Greensboro, NC, Steve was baptized at Peace United Church of Christ at a young age. Steve and Jeri and have been married for 43 years and are members of the Horizons Sunday School Class. He was baptized at FBC Statesville by Dr. Frank Campbell in 1981. Steve helped initiate the Pickle Ball program, served on the welcoming committee, participated with "In As Much" missions, and helped with Wonderful Wednesdays.



Jeff Templeton

Date joined: November 20, 1983

Jeff and his wife, Paulette, are members of the Horizons Sunday School Class and Jeff is one of the teachers. He has served as Deacon Chair in previous years. He and Paulette are regular pickle ball players.

A Message from Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

Do you feel a little schedule crazy? Things were so quiet for a while and then things were ramped up and full force. Now you just don't know what to do. I feel like this in more aspects of my life than just a crazy schedule. What I have found peace and comfort in is a routine. This routine allows my brain some space and freedom to feel secure with the things I have chosen to do and the things that I have chosen to space away from.

With Wednesdays ramping up, our family's schedule is being switched around again. This is a good thing that we are choosing to come together and come to church. I hope that is your decision as well. However, know that we want the church to always feel like a safe space. We will be attempting to live stream our Wednesday night conversations and studies so that if you are at home for the week you can still be a part. As we try these new things know we will be looking for ways to make things better and finding out certain things that may not work well also. We are better together. The body of Christ is beautiful because we are all different and we all bring together our gifts and talents.

May God continue to use us to seek His face, His will, and to see his work in our life.

Many thoughts and prayers.
Elizabeth Kilby



Announcements

Wednesday Evening Meals Return October 13

The menus will be in the Interim and texted to those using the Remind App. Make reservations in the following ways:

Standing Reservation: If you plan to dine with us every week, standing reservations are your best choice. Please call Kayley at the church office or send her an email: kayley@statesvillefbc.org or join the Remind App! If you are unable to come one week, please notify Kayley with a call, email, or text in the Remind app.

One-Time Reservations: Call or email Kayley before Friday at 9:00 a.m., or join the Remind App! If you already signed up for the Remind App last year, you don't need to do anything.

Remind App Sign Up: Text @fbcsmeals to 81010. You will get a text on Thursday with the menu, and you can place your order. Example: 2 adults, 3 kids

Kayley will confirm reservations each week by text, email or a call. If you have any questions, please call Kayley at 704-873-7231 or email kayley@statesvillefbc.org



Then he said to his disciples,
"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;
therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to
send out laborers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38

Wonderful Wednesdays Begin October 13

Children (K-5) are invited to our
after school program.

We will pick up the children from school &
bring them to the church for snacks,
recreation, Bible study, & homework.

Pick Up Time: 5:15 p.m.

Families are invited to stay for our
Famiy Night Meal and Bible Study. Cost of
the meal is \$7.00/adult, \$6.00/child,
or \$26.00/family.

Bible Study begins at 6:00 p.m.

Register Now!



Wednesday Evening Menus

October 13

salisbury steak with mashed potatoes & gravy,
mixed vegetables, & banana pudding

October 20

fried catfish filet, slaw, hush puppies,
and jello parfet